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DURHAM, N.H. -- Margie Berns, professor of English Linguistics and of Curriculum & Instruction at Purdue University, will discuss the spread of English in the countries of the European Union Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 4 p.m. in Hamilton Smith Hall, room 127, at the University of New Hampshire.

Berns also directs the Purdue University's English as a Second Language program. Her research interests are in the spread and status of English around the world, with a focus on English in the countries of the European Union. Her talk is entitled "Politics, Policies and Pragmatism: The European Union and the English Language."

She is currently co-editing a volume on the relationship among English language media and acquisition of English among young people in The Netherlands, Belgium and Germany. The book is based on a cross national study of English language and media use in Europe, for which she is a principal investigator and project coordinator.

Berns' lecture is sponsored by the Linguistics Program, the Center for the Humanities, the Office of the Dean of Liberal Arts, and the departments of English, Communication Disorders, and Literatures, Languages and Cultures.

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